visions|parameters of the 1978 Drugs Policy. There recommenations are considered by the Registration Committee in the DGTD which takes a final view on the proposals Details of registration issued to various companies for the manufacture of Drugs & Pharmaceuticals are published in the monthly news letter of India Investment Centre, copies of which are available in the Parliament library.

Production of Pyrolidine Methyl Tetracycline

1827. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 269 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the licensed capacity of Hoechst of Pyrolidine Methyl Tetracycline and their production during the last three years, year-wse;

(b) since when the company is charging Rs. 4856|- per kg of the bulk drug price in their formulations and what is the mark up enjoyed in their present prices of formulations based on this drug;

(c) what is the cost of production claimed by this company per kg. alongwith the details of each raw materials. quantity and price;

(d) what is the stage of manufacture of this drug and the CIF price per kg; and

(e) whether it is a fact that this company is overcharging the prices over producing and importing intermediates from their principals at very high price; and if so, the details of each issue which has come to the notice of Government and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The licensed capacity of M|s. Hoechst India Ltd. for production of Pyrolidine Methyl Tetracycline is 1200 kgs. per annum. The production of this drug for domestic use by the company during the last three years is given below:

1982 . . .	1056.00 Kgs.
1983 . . .	405.56 Kgs.
1984 . . .	321.68 Kgs.

(b) to (e) The company declared their national price at Rs. 4856|- per kg under the Drugs (Prcies Control) Order, 1970. Government reduced the price of bulk drug from Rs. 4856|- kg to Rs. 2562|- per kg under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. The company, however, filed a Writ Petition in the Delhi High Court against the reduction in the price of bulk drug and proposed reduction in the price of formulation. The Delhi High Court first granted a stay and then struck down the Governments Order. The price of this bulk drug and the formulation based thereon at present are therefore those which are prevailing under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1970.

Government have filed a special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court of India against the judgement of the Delhi High Court. The Special Leave Petition have been admitted and is coming up for hearing in Supreme Court on the 20th August, 1985.

For producing this drug M|s Hoechst India Limited used the major raw materials like Pyrolidine and Tetracycline base. Pyrolidine is imported by the Company but the details of source of import and the price of import from time to time are not available. There are no imports of the bulk drug Pyrolidine Methyl Tetracycline and as such CIF import price of drug is not known.

Price Approval by Drug Companies

1828. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of drug companies have not taken